

AMENDMENT

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application with the following Listing of Claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

generating an output signal upon an actuation of one or more of a plurality of user-interface members on a first handheld communication device; device, wherein including a haptic code in the output signal, signal includes a the haptic code configured to distinctly identify the first handheld communication device and a status event; and

sending the output signal to a second handheld communication device remote from the first handheld communication device, wherein the second handheld communication device is configured to output a haptic effect corresponding to the haptic code.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein sending further includes providing in the output signal at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the haptic code is associated with a predetermined scheme.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving further includes defining the one of the user-interface members to include at least one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball and a knob.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded a program code, comprising:

program code for generating an output signal upon an actuation of at least one of a plurality of user-interface members on a first handheld communication device; wherein the output signal includes program code for including a haptic code in the output signal, the haptic code configured to distinctly identify the first handheld communication device and a status event; and

program code for sending the output signal to a second handheld communication device remote from the first handheld communication device, wherein the second handheld communication device is configured to output a haptic effect corresponding to the haptic code.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 further comprising program code for including in the output signal at least one of a message, a video image, and a graphical feature.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 further comprising program code for associating the haptic code with a predetermined scheme.

14 - 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A handheld communication device, comprising:

a body having an antenna configured to receive a signal from a transmitting handheld communication device, the signal including a haptic code therein to distinctly identify the transmitting handheld communication device and a status event;

a user-interface member coupled to the body;

a processor in data communication with the user-interface member; and

an actuator coupled to the user-interface member and in data communication with the processor, wherein the actuator is configured to output a haptic effect corresponding to the haptic code.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The handheld communication device of claim 26, wherein the handheld communication device is one of a cellular phone, a satellite phone, a cordless phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a two-way radio, a portable computer, a game console controller, a personal gaming device, and an MP3 player.

29. (Currently Amended) The handheld communication device of claim 26 wherein the user-interface member includes at least one of a key, a button, a key pad, a direction pad, a touch screen, a scroll wheel, a mini-joystick, a trackball, and a knob.

30. (Currently Amended) The handheld communication device of claim 26 further comprising memory, wherein the memory stores program code for extracting information corresponding to the haptic stimuli from the input signal.

31. (Currently Amended) The handheld communication device of claim 26 further comprising a display device in communication with the processor, wherein the processor is configured to cause the display device to produce an image of the identified source.

32. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

generating an output signal upon an actuation of one a plurality of user interface members on a first handheld communication device, wherein each at least one of the plurality of user-interface members is assigned with corresponds to a haptic code;

including, in the output signal, the haptic code of the actuated when the at least one of the plurality of user-interface members in the output signal is actuated; and

sending the output signal to a second handheld communication device remote from the first handheld communication device, wherein the second handheld communication device is configured to output a haptic effect corresponding to the haptic code.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded a program code, comprising:

program code for generating an output signal upon an actuation of one a plurality of user-interface members on a first handheld communication device, wherein of the plurality of user-interface members is assigned with corresponding to a haptic code;

program code for including, in the output signal, the haptic code of the actuated when the at least one of the plurality of user-interface members in the output signal is actuated; and

program code for sending the output signal to a second handheld communication device remote from the first handheld communication device, wherein the second handheld communication device is configured to output a haptic effect corresponding to the haptic code.

34. (Currently Amended) A handheld communication device, comprising:

a body having an antenna configured to transmit a signal to be received by a receiving handheld communication device;

a plurality of user-interface members coupled to the body, wherein at least one each user-interface member associated with is assigned with a haptic code; and

a processor in data communication with the at least one user-interface member, wherein the processor is configured to:

detect an actuation of one or more of the plurality of user-interface members; and

generate the signal including the haptic code when of the actuated the at least one of the plurality of user-interface members member is actuated; and

generate the signal, wherein the signal includes the haptic code.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the status event is selected from the group consisting of an advertisement event, a one-to-one marketing event, a business transaction event, a stock-trading event, a weather-forecast event, and an emergency event.
36. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the status event is selected from the group consisting of an advertisement event, a one-to-one marketing event, a business-transaction event, a stock-trading event, a weather-forecast event, and an emergency event.
37. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26 wherein the status event is selected from the group consisting of an advertisement event, a one-to-one marketing event, a business-transaction event, a stock-trading event, a weather-forecast event, and an emergency event.